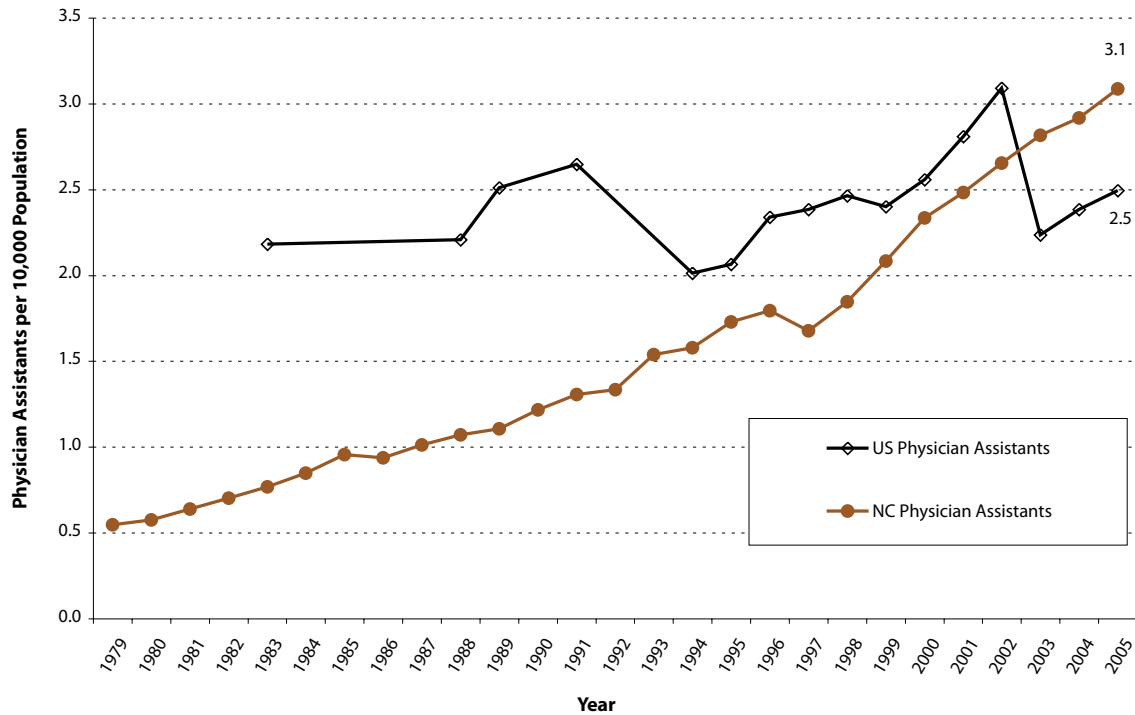


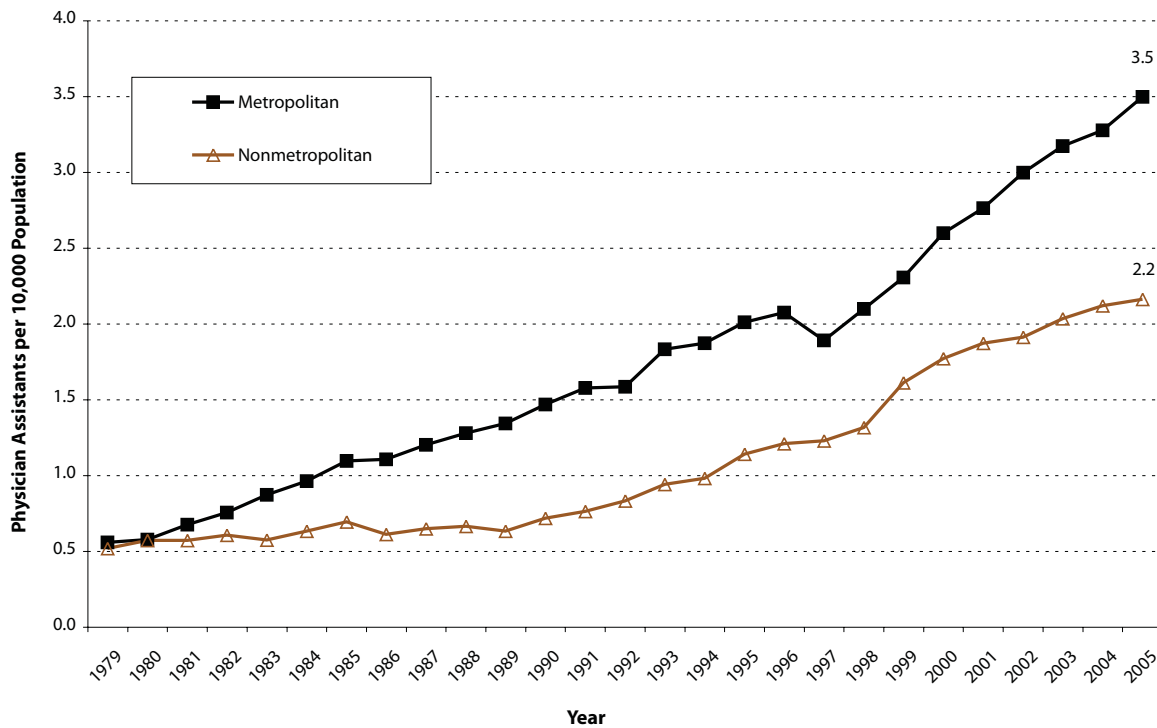
**Figure 16. Physician Assistants per 10,000 Population  
United States and North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate PAs.

Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States (various editions), Washington, DC, <http://www.census.gov/statab>.

**Figure 17. Physician Assistants per 10,000 Population  
Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate PAs licensed as of October 31st of the respective year.

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